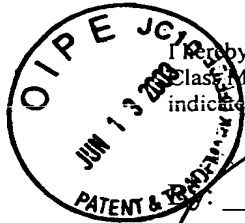


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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

U.S. Patent No. 4,980,802 (Champagne et al.), dated December 25, 1990;

U.S. Patent No. 5,956,415 (McCalley et al.), dated September 21, 1999;

International Publication No. WO 97/34252 (Shugart), dated September 18, 1997;

Patent Abstracts of Japan JP 9231346 (McCalley et al.), dated July 30, 1997, corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 5,956,415;

Patent Abstracts of Japan No. JP 1267097 (Uenishi et al.), dated October 24, 1989, corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 5,208,450, filed on July 27, 2000;

Patent Abstracts of Japan No. JP 2017690 (LeLoc et al.), dated December 25, 1990,
corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 4,980,802.

Japanese Office action dated April 28, 2003.

None of the references show a chip card module produced independently from a carrier. The module disclosed in the above-identified application offers the possibility of testing its electronic functions prior to being mounted into a carrier.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) the undersigned herewith states that each item of information contained in the *Information Disclosure Statement* was first cited in any communication from a foreign office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the *Information Disclosure Statement*.

Consideration of this *Information Disclosure Statement* is requested. Enclosed is the processing fee in the amount of \$180.00.

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